

4. Battlefield Combat Identification System (BCIS): NSC fully funded the budget request for BCIS which is designed to help prevent friendly fire casualties by positively identifying targets on the battlefield. DORNAN, a long time supporter of the program, also drafted report language on BCIS which was adopted by the NSC.

5. Minuteman III (MM III) ICBM: The NSC fully supported a request by Congressmen DORNAN and HANSEN for \$10 million in additional funding for MM III guidance upgrades. A recent DoD nuclear posture review fully supported maintaining the MM III as the land-based leg of the U.S. nuclear triad.

6. Armor/anti-armor upgrades: The NSC fully supported requests by Congressman DORNAN and other members for increased funding for two armor/anti-armor initiatives. The first request was for \$39 million in additional funding for a lightweight anti-armor system known as Javelin.

This funding will significantly increase anti-armor assets available to rapid deployment units in the near future. The next request was for \$14 million in additional funding for reactive armor protection for the Bradley fighting vehicle. Such protection is necessary against the proliferation of anti-tank weapons.

7. UH-60 Army Helicopter: The NSC fully approved the administration's request for \$334 million for 60 UH-60 helicopters but rejected DoD plans to terminate the program after 1996. Congressman DORNAN supports additional UH-60 productions after 1996 in order to address Army requirements for additional MEDEVAC and light utility aircraft.

8. Navy Enlisted Storage Space: The NSC accepted report language drafted by Congressman DORNAN that would require a report from the Navy on the resources necessary to provide Navy enlisted personnel on board surface ships additional storage space when in port. DORNAN has learned on various visits with sailors on board these ships that they have no barracks space when in port and must therefore remain on board the ship. While building additional barracks space would be costly, Congressman DORNAN has won preliminary support for CNO Admiral Boorda for a plan to provide these sailors with additional storage space off the ship for recreational equipment and civilian clothing that could be used when in port. Such a measure would boost morale at minimal cost.

9. V-22: The NSC fully funded the DoD request for the V-22 Tiltrotor aircraft which would replace the Vietnam-era CH-46 helicopter as the Marine Corps' primary medium lift aircraft. Congressman DORNAN has been a long time supporter of the V-22 which would replace CH-46 aircraft at MCAS Tustin in the 46th district.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE (NSC) MARKUP—1995 STATUS OF INITIATIVES BY CONGRESSMAN ROBERT K. DORNAN

1. POW/MIA Legislation: Congressman DORNAN adopted language similar to legislation introduced by Congressman GILMAN and Senator DOLE which is designed to standardize procedures for determining the whereabouts and status of American POWs/MIAs.

2. Abortion Restriction: Congressman DORNAN included language restoring Reagan-era policy which prohibits abortions at military facilities.

3. Discharge of HIV+ Personnel: Congressman DORNAN included language which mandates the immediate discharge of HIV+, permanently non-deployable military personnel.

4. End Payments to DoD Prisoners: Language was included that would require all military personnel convicted by court-martial to forfeit all pay and allowances during their period of confinement.

5. Award of AFEM to El Salvador Veterans: Language was included authorizing the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for U.S. military veterans who served in El Salvador.

6. End Strength Floors: Permanent military end strength floors were established by Congressman DORNAN which would prevent the DoD from further reducing personnel below current, Bottom Up Review levels.

7. Addition of Personnel to High Stress Units: Congressman DORNAN also authorized the SECDEF 7500 additional personnel to be placed in high stress areas such as AWACS, military police, and Patriot units.

8. Addition of National Technicians: Congressman DORNAN authorized 1400 additional military technicians for National Guard/Reserve units in order to improve their maintenance rates and overall combat readiness.

9. Increased Housing Allowance: Congressman DORNAN increased basic allowance for quarters [BAQ] by 5.2 percent greater than that requested by the administration in order to reduce out of pocket housing costs for members of the military.

10. Eliminated Disparity in COLAs for Military Retirees: Congressman DORNAN introduced a full committee amendment that would eliminate the disparity in payment of COLAs between Federal civilian and military retirees. COLAs for military retirees have been delayed an average of 8.5 months as compared to a delay of only 3 months for other Federal retirees. President Clinton attempted to address the problem in this budget but his proposal did not succeed. Congressman DORNAN then developed his amendment which provides \$403 million to eliminate the disparity in 1996. The amendment passed during full committee markup.

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SOL-OMON) having assumed the chair, Mr. EMERSON, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1530) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE

(Mr. CARDIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I take this time, and at the permission of the Speaker, to lead the House in the pledge of allegiance at this time of the day, and let me explain why, if I might.

Mr. Speaker, as you are well aware, today is Flag Day and this week is National Flag Week. Each year the National Flag Day Foundation, located in my district, participates in the Pause for the Pledge at Fort McHenry, the birthplace of the Star Spangle Banner at 7 o'clock in the evening on June 14th.

The National Flag Day Foundation encourages all Americans to join in the 7 o'clock Pause for the Pledge and this grassroots concept of national unity started in Baltimore in 1980. And I

might point out that Presidents have joined in this pause.

Due to the voting of the House today, I am unable to be at Fort McHenry to participate in the ceremony. Therefore, I would request that the Members of the House join me and their fellow citizens in a Pause for the Pledge. If I could ask everyone to please rise and to face the flag.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN] will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag on this very special occasion.

There was no objection.

Mr. CARDIN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1995, DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit tomorrow while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule.

Committee on Agriculture; Committee on Banking and Financial Services; Committee on Commerce; Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Committee on Judiciary; Committee on Resources; Committee on Science; Committee on Small Business; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; Committee on Veterans Affairs; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

Mr. VOLKMER. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker. I do not plan to object. I just want to let the gentleman know that, yes, we do appreciate clearing this request with all the ranking members of the various committees and we appreciate it and look forward to working with the gentleman and the majority in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and